



**Assistant Secretary David Peters
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U.S. Department of Commerce**

David Peters was confirmed by the United States Senate as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement on October 15, 2025. He leads an organization of nearly 230 criminal investigators, analysts, and support staff who are responsible for enforcing the nation's export control laws related to dual-use technologies and antiboycott laws.

Before assuming his current post, Mr. Peters spent nine years in the Department of Justice as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia and in the Department of Justice's Criminal Fraud Section. In these roles, he prosecuted some of the nation's key national security, fraud, trans-national organized crime, and anti-money laundering cases and served as lead prosecutor in numerous contested jury trials.

Mr. Peters began his legal career as a Judge Advocate in the United States Marine Corps where he served as a prosecutor and appellate defense counsel. In 2011, he deployed to Northern Marjah District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan with Second Battalion, Eighth Marine Regiment to serve as Battalion Judge Advocate. He advised the Battalion Commander on kinetic targeting and fires, intelligence operations, fiscal law, and other matters. For the last half of the deployment, he commanded the Battalion's Advisor-Trainer team, responsible for training and fighting alongside co-located Afghan National Army and Police forces.

Mr. Peters left active duty in 2015 to serve as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Senior Judges of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He continues to serve as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

Mr. Peters grew up in Fairfax County, Virginia. He graduated from Colgate University in 2005 and received his Juris Doctorate from the William and Mary School of Law in 2008. He and his wife live in Alexandria, Virginia, with their two sons.